

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 LEE MICHAEL GRIFFIN,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR22-0070-JCC

ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court on the Government's agreed motion to continue the
16 trial date and pretrial motions deadlines (Dkt. No. 13). Having thoroughly considered the motion
17 and the relevant record, the Court hereby GRANTS the motion.

18 Trial in this matter is set for August 15, 2022. (Dkt. No. 8.) The parties seek a continuance
19 to October 31, 2022, citing the need for more time to review voluminous discovery, investigate
20 factual and legal issues, and adequately prepare for trial. (Dkt. No. 13 at 2-3.) Mr. Griffin joins the
21 motion and has signed a waiver of speedy trial rights. (Dkt. No. 11 at 1.)

22 Based on the foregoing, the Court FINDS that the ends of justice served by granting the
23 requested continuance outweigh the best interests of Defendant and the public in a speedy trial.
24 See 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). This finding is based on the following:

25 1. A failure to grant a continuance in this case would likely result in a miscarriage of
26 justice, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i);

1 2. Taking into account the exercise of due diligence, a failure to grant a continuance
2 would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation due to the need for
3 more time to review and analyze discovery, consider possible defenses, investigate fact and legal
4 issues, and research and prepare pretrial motions, as set forth in § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv); and

5 3. The additional time requested is a reasonable period of delay.

6 It is therefore ORDERED as follows:

7 1. The motion for a continuance (Dkt. No. 13) is GRANTED.

8 2. The current trial date is CONTINUED to October 31, 2022;

9 3. Pretrial motions will be due August 17, 2022.

10 4. Parties should consult the Court's Chambers Procedures posted on its website for
11 detailed instructions regarding pretrial submissions and trial procedure.

12 5. The time from the date of this order until the October 31, 2022 trial date is an
13 excludable period under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

14 DATED this 15th day of July 2022.

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16 John C. Coughenour
17 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE